

# TREASURES OF NEOEXODUS: TWIN FURIES

The religion of the dark god Khayne is divided and scattered, with each small cult worshipping their bloody lord after their own malicious fashion. One of the largest cults in the Brotherhood of Khayne—as well as the most ruthless and organized—is the Untharan Brotherhood, a monastic order in which adherents practice draconian discipline, ritual bloodletting, and the art of war. While they spend much of their efforts aiding the rest of the Brotherhood in fending off the quickslavers, members of this order have occasionally clashed with the forces running the Imperial blockade of the islands of Unthara, wielding weapons of terrifying power. Among these weapons are the Twin Furies, a matched pair of kamas that focus the hatred of Khayne into a fierce presence upon the battlefield.

## HISTORY

The Brotherhood of Khayne established in the Lesser Untharan Islands has, in recent history, struggled to survive. Caught between the blockade of the Imperial Armada and the threat of the quickslavers from Greater Unthara, even the bolstering presence of the First Ones has not been enough. To strengthen their defense, they've recruited any mercenary force willing to aid them. One such force is Cilas Adler—a tall, bald, brooding man who does not speak of his past. Rumors say he was a failed Janissary, cast out of the order and exiled from the Imperial Alliance. This may well be true—his fighting style being quite similar to the martial techniques employed by the Janissaries—but Cilas was close-mouthed about his origins and events that led him to brave the strait and settle in the islands. Whatever the case, he came to Unthara with little but the clothes on his back and quickly became an important name. He opened a fighting school in Dwyer, taking only the most ruthless and determined students under his tutelage. He soon amassed a crop of talented protégés, each one a fierce opponent in both armed and unarmed combat, able to sow mayhem on any battlefield.



promised him what he asked if he would convert. Cilas did so without hesitation. The fighting school, renamed the Temple of the Skull, became renowned among the Untharans, and the militant monks trained there became an undeniable asset. Garanku continued pouring money into the school, providing his best students with weapons blessed by the dark powers of Khayne. To Cilas himself, Garanku presented the Twin Furies, weapons of ferocious power that have sunk their fangs in all the enemies of the Brotherhood. Most recently they did their bloody work on spies.

One day, realizing Janissaries had infiltrated the ranks of sell-swords hired to bolster the Brotherhood's armies, Cilas alerted Garanku and General Maruk. How Cilas knew the mercenaries were Janissaries is unknown. What is known is that he took them unawares in a community mess hall, a band of his best students at his side and the Twin Furies in hand. Surprised and outnumbered four to one, the Janissaries were taken down quickly, though they acquitted themselves well, taking down half of their opponents before only the Janissaries' leader remained. Cilas faced off with him in single combat that raged about the mercenary camp. After quite some time the battle seemed even, with both combatants grievously wounded. But the master of the Temple of the Skull wasn't about to lose. He beat down the janissary with a blinding series of strikes, ending with him hooking both Furies into his opponent's chest and tearing it asunder. Cutting out his foe's heart, he left without another word and returned to the Temple of the Skull with his students. Soon after, he sent the heart to Garanku to be burned upon Khayne's altar as a sacrifice. It's a mystery why Cilas took it upon himself to defeat the Janissary leader in single combat and deliver him so brutal an ending. A mercenary once asked Cilas if he knew the leader, and Cilas killed with not a word uttered. No one has dared question him about it since.

This tale is known outside of Unthara because the Imperial Alliance received a letter describing the battle and the demise of the Janissaries in great



When Cilas petitioned the powers of Dwyer for weapons and a larger training hall, the head priest of Khayne, Garanku,





detail, apparently as a warning against further espionage. The person who penned the letter is unknown, and it's doubtful that the missive deterred the Alliance from further reconnaissance. It has, however, shed light upon a deadly new enemy among the ranks of the Untharans that bids careful watching. If the threat of the quickslavers is ever brought to an end, it may be the people of mainland Exodus that next feel the might of Cilas, his Twin Furies, and the martial might of the Temple of the Skull.

### DESCRIPTION AND CONSTRUCTION

The matching kamas are crafted with serrated blades reminiscent of the forelegs of a mantid, forged of red-tinged steel. Their hafts are wrapped in blue and violet ribbons of raw silk, and their reinforcing bands and hooked end-caps are fashioned of the same sanguine steel as the blades.

### TWIN FURIES

**Aura** moderate enchantment and necromancy; **CL** 9th

**Slot** none; **Price** 38,604 gp; **Weight** 4 lbs.

### DESCRIPTION

A matched pair, the First Fury is a +1 *furyborn kama* and the Final Fury is a +2 *vicious kama*. When used together as a full attack action (i.e., when two-weapon fighting or as part of a flurry) and both weapons hit during the round, the wielder can make a rend attack, doing damage equal to 1d6 + the First Fury's current modifier + the wielder's Strength modifier. If the wielder is a follower of Khayne, then the 1d6 damage inflicted by Final Fury on the wielder is considered nonlethal damage and any attempts to Intimidate foes while wielding the weapons gain a +4 circumstance bonus.

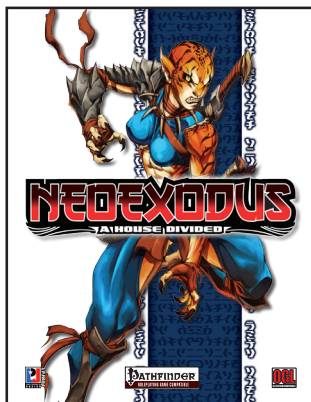
### CONSTRUCTION

**Requirements** Craft Magic Arms and Armor, *enervation*, *rage*, crafter must worship Khayne; **Cost** 19,604 gp

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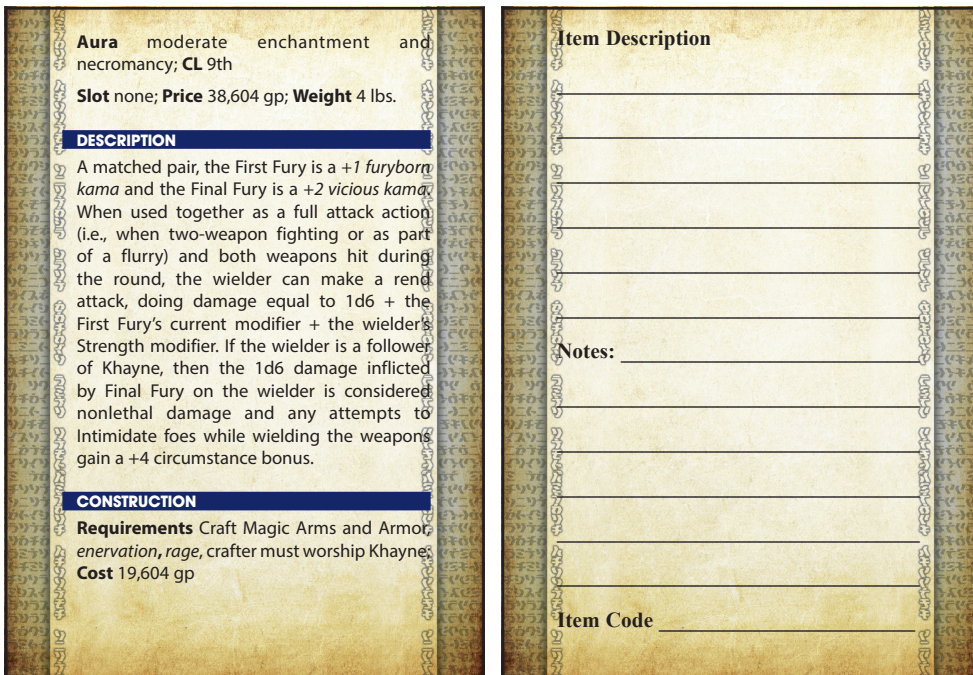
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